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### ROSMEAD, CALIFORNIA, MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN DRUG CASE

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Anthony Gonzalo DeLeon**, 30, Rosmead, California, entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Richard D. Rogers on October 24, 2003, to one count of possessing a firearm during a drug crime and one count of possession of cocaine.

Melgren said that DeLeon admitted at his plea that on December 16, 2002, he drove from California to Lawrence, Kansas, to make a pre-arranged delivery of cocaine to a individual who was working with the Drug Enforcement Administration. DeLeon further admitted that when he arrived in Lawrence, he was arrested by DEA agents who searched his vehicle and found cocaine and a loaded handgun in his trunk.

DeLeon faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole, on each count. Sentencing is set for January 28, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Topeka Police Department in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney James Brown in this prosecution.